

A Working Arrangement for Plymouth City Council

Following the local elections held on 5th May 2016, no Party or Group achieved an overall majority on Plymouth City Council. This working arrangement between the Conservative Group and UKIP Group will enable Members to carry forward the business of the Council on behalf of our residents and employees, providing confidence to the business community and inward investors.

1. The working arrangement is for a period of 2 years until the local elections in May 2018.
2. The UKIP Group will support the Conservative Group on all key decisions of the Council leading to the implementation of the jointly agreed agenda set-out in Annex A.
3. Both Groups will support an early motion to Council to introduce a “committee system” of governance.
4. The Conservative Group will run the Council’s executive functions. Cabinet Members will ensure that UKIP Members, where practical, are briefed ahead of Cabinet meetings.
5. UKIP members will undertake the following responsibilities of the Council:
 - a. Take one seat in Cabinet, with the Member leading the work stream “democracy and governance” as part of a wider portfolio
 - b. Take the Vice Chair of Planning Committee
 - c. Take one seat on the Scrutiny Management Board
 - d. Take one seat on the Devon/Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Authority

Annex A

- provide more jobs, apprenticeships, and work experience opportunities
- vigorously oppose current Labour Party intentions to scrap the Trident replacement programme. We will fight to maintain jobs and investment in HM Dockyard and Naval Base.
- campaign for fairer public health spending for Plymouth
- maintain the campaign for better rail links and protect the airport
- continue to deliver more homes for local people on suitable sites
- actively pursue and bring forward plans to regenerate Colin Campbell Court
- seek a new 5 star hotel for Plymouth Hoe
- accelerate plans to bring more empty homes in Plymouth back into use
- prioritise development on brownfield sites
- review traffic light operations and tackle traffic bottlenecks to keep Plymouth moving
- improve our pavements
- promote volunteering and recognise individual effort and personal responsibility
- put customers and our local communities first
- invite local residents to be more involved in Council budget setting plans
- introduce a city wide initiative to tackle our growing littering problem
- continue to support our voluntary, community, and social enterprise sector
- freeze parking charges in the City Centre until April 2017
- keep council tax low and balance the books
- produce an options appraisal to investigate the re-introduction of the “committee” system of governance in April 2017